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Case No. 9793/73

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Johann Karl et al.

Serial No: 09/890,442

Examiner: James Leslie Grun, Ph.D.

Filed: January 31, 2002

Group Art Unit: 1641

For: Assay for the Detection of N-Terminal proBNP

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003 for a period of one month.

Applicant:

claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

is other than small entity

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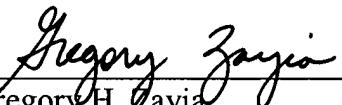
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Five Months	\$2,010.00

Fee Payment

- Attached is a check for \$110 for the Petition fee.
- Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$_____ for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 29, 2004



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